Milk requirements.

118. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) what if any, is the minimum quantity of milk prescribed by competent food experts as absolutely necessary to be consumed by an adult per day as food in India or Travancore ;

(b) what is the average quantity of milk available per head per day in the State during any of the 5 years ending with 1120 ; and

(c) the average quantity of milk consumed per day by an adult living within the towns of Trivandrum, Parur and Alwaye in 1120 ?

Dr. S. John: *(a)* In combination with other food materials, 8 ounces a day.

(b) & *(c)* Information is not available.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether any attempt has been made to get the information called for ?

Dr. S. John : It is not for this Department to do so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know which Department is responsible ?

Dr. S. John : It is for the honourable member to find out.

Ambulance car in the General Hospital.

119. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the meter attached to the Ambulance car in the General Hospital is out of order and is making more distance than that actually travelled ;

(b) whether it was brought to the notice of the authorities concerned by the public on various occasions ; and

(c) what action, if any, has been taken ?

Dr. S. John : *(a)* The meter is defective and shows faulty readings.

(b) & *(c)* The defect was found out by the Resident Medical Officer of the Hospital. Arrangements are being made for the purchase of a new Speedometer.

Inspection of Hospitals.

120. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hospitals inspected by the Surgeon General during 1120 and 1121 respectively ;

(b) whether any serious irregularities have been noticed during the course of inspection ;

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[Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai]

(c) if so, the nature of those irregularities and the hospitals where such irregularities were noticed ;

(d) what action has been taken by the Surgeon General in respect of such irregularities ;

(e) whether he has made any surprise inspections of hospitals during 1120 and 1121 respectively ;

(f) if so, how many times during each of these years he made such surprise inspections ; and

(g) the names of hospitals in respect of which there were surprise inspections ;

Dr. S. John :

(a) 1120—33 (including Puthencruz Leper Colony.)
1121—33 (including the Leper Hospital at Colachel and the Grant-in-aid Hospital at Neyyoor.)
The above figures do not include Dispensaries.

(b) No.

(c) & *(d)* Do not arise in view to answer to part (b).

(e) & *(f)* The Surgeon General has made several surprise inspections also.

(g) All the Hospitals in the State.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I Lnow whether there are any serious irregularities found out during the course of the surprised inspections ?

Dr. S. John : No serious irregularities. If there were any, they would have been reported to Government.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether some of these inspections took place as a result of petitions signed by the inhabitants of the locality ?

Dr. S. John : Not only due to petitions but also of my own accord.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether there were any petitions ?

Dr. S. John : There were anonymous petitions.

Drive for increased food production.

121. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the steps adopted in the recent past to increase food production in the State ; and

(*b*) the respective areas of paddy and garden lands brought under cultivation as the result of such steps ?

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